

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday March 19, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called the March 19, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:04 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Will Martino, and Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Absent Chairmen Weber, Commissioner Cedric Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Angela Brooks moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the February 19, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 4: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino. **No:** 0. **Absent:** Cedric Johnson THE MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

No report from the Chairman, Park assignments will be assigned at the April 23, 2014 Park Board meeting.

**Director of Parks & Recreation / Special Events Coordinator: Shawn Roby**

Shawn informed the Board that the movies for the Movies in the Park have not been picked yet. Shawn has asked the Board to email him suggestions. Shawn would like to have 2 family movies and 1 romantic movie. Dates set for the movies are Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dustin has been working on the Lifestyle Corridor Report. Because of a grant that was won by the Village of Antioch a plan was developed over the last couple of years to improve walking and biking paths from one side of town to the other. Passage ways that travel from north to south and east to west are included. Dustin will be here at the Park Board meeting to present the plan in April. This lifestyle corridor plan will be encompassed within the parks master plan that is underway.

Summer Staff update: Shawn has officially made Meghan Opolka the general manager of the pool. Meghan's first order of business will be to hire 8 new qualified lifeguards and train them.

Meghan's plan is to have 21 guards that are full time, maybe up to 24 guards. Shawn's plan is to have the pool open on the weekend the week before Memorial Day. Shawn's main concern is making sure the pool is painted with plenty of time to turn the system on and have everything working. Pool passes went on sale in February. Shawn would like to start selling pool passes in November this year in hopes people that would like to purchase them as Christmas gifts. The contractors have been at the pool completing their punch list. The pumps were all checked out. The plaque at the pool has been taken down and will be replaced due to an error on the names. Shawn's plan is to have the pool open until Labor Day. A schedule of the pool opens and dates that the pool will be open is listed in the new Spring and Summer brochure.

Mary has received over 50 applications so far from going to the high schools during the lunch hours. On Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Mary had a group interview. Thirty-five applicants came out to be interviewed. Mary had 3 other interviewers with her to go over activities and conduct interviews. Mary's goal was to see what applicant shined, had personality and were willing to participate in the assigned activities. Out of the 35 applicants, only 16 were picked to go to the next step in the interviewing process.

Shawn plans on bringing the brochure back to in house, so he has more control over it. There is disappointment with changes that were made in the past but reappeared in the later issues of the brochure. Shawn is hoping that future brochures will be distributed to Salem, Trevor, Spring Grove, and Lake Villa in addition to the Village of Antioch and the Township of Antioch. Discussions with regard to the who will print the brochure will begin within the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Events: Shawn explained to the Board that this year he decided to have 2 squads for the Mother Son Bowling Date Night. 1<sup>st</sup> squad will be at 12:30 pm and the 2<sup>nd</sup> squad will be at 3:30 pm. At this point there are only a few spots open. Shawn told the board if anyone shows up at the Bowling center and wants to join the fun, we would charge an additional \$10.00 to the cost. Shawn reminded everyone that volunteers are needed at this event.

The Summer Day Camp registration will be on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am volunteers are needed to help process all the camp applications.

New this year is the Flashlight Egg Hunt for pre-teens and teens. This event will take place on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at Centennial Park. This happens to be the same day that the Summer Wine Walk tickets go on sale for the first time at 6:00 pm. Shawn asked if anyone could help, we could really use it. Gina said she would help stuff eggs.

Arbor Day, will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet at the Saw Mill at 9:00 am. If a large turnout occurs then Shawn will be breaking the group up into smaller groups to complete other mulching of Village properties.

Shawn sent out letters to all the HOA in Antioch, he asked each Park Commissioner to find out if their HOA President received the letter, if not Shawn asked the Board members to find out their name and address and he will resend the letters.

The Antioch Garden Club has scheduled the same date as Arbor Day (April 26) to work in the parks; Shawn is hoping to have their members help us out if possible.

**Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:**

Mary gave each of the Board members a copy of the Camp Crayon registration. So far the 4 year old program is just about full. The 3 year old is slowly filling up. The 2 & 3 year old has just started.

Mary spoke about the Zumba class and how she is now offering free 3 Zumba classes to try to get new people to try the class out. The first class brought in 10 new people and the second class only brought in 5 new people. Gina inquired where we are advertising the Free Zumba. Mary told the board, on Facebook and the Newsletter. Mary will also be offering Free Zumba this summer.

**Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the period ending February 28, 2014 were reviewed. The budget this year is over budget with the expenses. The Village is still looking for ways to cut the budget.

**Next Meeting:** Will be on April 23, 2014 -

**Other Business**

Angela asked about the Teen Advisory Group that the library has, Shawn explained that we are not associated with theirs. The Mayor would like to see a teen on our board. So far our Teen Advisory Group is not going so well, Bernadette has told Shawn that the kids feel it just not cool.

Will asked if the swing set for Sprenger park been purchased yet? Shawn told Will he will email him a picture of the set. Shawn also told him that the Public Works will not be able to install the swing set until the ground defrosts and dries.

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Member Angela Brooks moved, seconded by Member Will Martino to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary